

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Ronan Dif et al.	Group Art Unit: 1742 Examiner: J.A. Morillo
Serial No.: 10/614,888	
Filed: July 9, 2003	
For: ALCUMG ALLOYS WITH HIGH DAMAGE TOLERANCE SUITABLE FOR USE AS STRUCTURAL MEMBERS IN AIRCRAFTS	

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, Bernard Bes do hereby declare as follows:

1. I have worked in the aluminum industry for over 25 years specializing in the optimization of aluminum alloy compositions and processing.

I am a named inventor the above-identified patent application ("the present application").

I understand that in an Office Action dated July 17, 2006, the USPTO has rejected the present application based on US Patent No 6,562,154 (Rioja). I am familiar with this Rioja reference.

2. The present application is directed to products with high strength and very high damage tolerance properties that are suitable for lower wing skin structures. The products concerned are generally at least 12 mm in thickness and these products are particularly useful for applications such as lower wing plates.

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